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SUBJECT: JEWISH DISSIDENTS APPEAL TO FRENCH AND ITALIAN COMMUNIST
PARTIES' LEADERSHIP

1. WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN A COPY OF AN OPEN LETTER WHICH
FIVE OF MOSCOW'S MOST PROMINENT JEWISH DISSIDENTS HAVE
WRITTEN TO GEORGES MARCHAIS, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCF). A SIMILAR LETTER IS
BEING SENT TO ENRICO BERLINGUER, SECRETARY GENERAL OF
THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI). THE SIGNERS OF
THE LETTER SO FAR ARE THE FOLLOWING: A. SHCHARANSKIY,
V. RUBIN, V. SLEPAK, A. LERNER, A. LUNTS. WE UNDER-
STAND THE TEXT OF THE LETTERS WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE
FRENCH AND ITALIAN CORRESPONDENTS RESIDENT IN MOSCOW
ON JANUARY 13.

2. EACH LETTER INVITES ITS ADDRESSEE TO MEET WITH
"SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN
MOSCOW" DURING HIS TRIP TO MOSCOW FOR THE 25TH PARTY
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CONGRESS. THE LETTER STATES THAT ITS AUTHORS WISH TO

EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL, AND DRAWS THE ATTENTION OF THE ADDRESSEES TO THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE. THE LETTER OBSERVES THAT THE SHOCK WHICH THE SCREENING ON WESTERN TV OF A FILM ABOUT LIFE IN SOVIET PRISON CAMPS SHOWS HOW BADLY INFORMED THE WEST IS ABOUT VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE USSR. SUGGESTING THAT WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES HAVE A SPECIAL ROLE TO PLAY IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS, THE AUTHORS OF THE LETTER SUGGEST THAT A FREE AND BROAD EXCHANGE OF VIEWS COULD ONLY CONTRIBUTE TO BETTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. THE LETTER GOES ON TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT "THE RESPECT WHICH THE SOVIET JEWISH COMMUNITY HAS FOR FRANCE AND THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY WILL NOT LEAD THE KGB TO IMPRISON TENS OF JEWS DURING THE TIME OF THE VISIT OF YOUR DELEGATION TO MOSCOW," AND CONCLUDES BY STATING THAT THIS IS WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST, NOTABLY DURING THE LAST COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS, THE VISITS OF PRESIDENT NIXON, THE CONGRESS OF PEACE-LOVING FORCES AND OTHER SIMILAR MEETINGS.

3. THE AUTHORS OF THE OPEN LETTER TELL US THAT THEY DO NOT, OF COURSE, ENTERTAIN THE SLIGHTEST HOPE THAT EITHER MARCHAIS OR BERLINGUER WILL SEE THEM. (THEY DO CLAIM THAT THERE IS SOME CHANCE THAT A PCI DELEGATION MEMBER MAY CALL.) THE SIGNERS HOPE THAT THE LETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NON-COMMUNIST FRENCH AND ITALIAN PRESS AND THAT THIS WILL CAUSE THE PCF AND PCI TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF EMIGRATION FROM THE SOVIET UNION DURING THEIR MEETINGS WITH THE CPSU LEADERSHIP AT THE CONGRESS. THE AUTHORS STATE FRANKLY THAT THEY ALSO HOPE TO EMBARRASS THE CPSU DURING ITS CONGRESS AND HOPE ADDITIONALLY THAT WIDE WESTERN PUBLICATION OF THE LETTERS MAY RESULT IN THEIR REMAINING AT LIBERTY DURING THE CONGRESS ITSELF, NOW SCHEDULED TO START FEBRUARY 24.

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